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The Football Record.

"Fair play is bonnie play."

CONCERNING THE GAME.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

By "Wideawake."

There is no necessity for traversing at wearisome length—in the prosiest style, too—the matches of a week ago.

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Readers have seen enough of that in the daily and weekly papers. They have been surfeited. So the "Record" came along as the live, up-to-date sheet for the Saturday afternoon, and served up to the public the fare it wanted—light, pleasant reading, attractively set before it. The public hailed the change with delight. The success of it has been acknowledged by imitation, which somebody has remarked before to-day "is the sincerest form of flattery."

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If the "Record" were a drapery warehouse it would hang out its banner on the outward wall with the strange device upon it, "We lead; others follow."

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Advertisers have been keen to appreciate the popularity of the "Record," and the number distributed has exceeded anticipation. It is, in fact, going strong, like (fill in the missing words for yourself; no free advts. in the "Record").

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"Gee whiz! That's going some! Land sakes, ain't them a spry lot of spring chickens after a fat worm! Jumping whiskers, he cayn't kick that goldarn pigskin bag of wind nohow. He's got a glass leg."

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The foregoing looks like Yankee baseball "rooting" (barracking) as ap-

plied to footer, and, lest anybody should think it came from some of the American land settlers who were in Melbourne last week, I hasten to explain that it is printed as an example of how they do not barrack, but what might be expected from anybody coming from Yankee land, according to the comic papers, and the senseless yapping of baseball officials. The visiting searchers for earth do not even "tok threw their noses;" in fact, they might easily be taken for good Australians—and thereby would doubtless be pleased.

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The American visitors, while strong on the serious affairs of life, are firm believers in the principles of judicious indulgence in play. They regard the Australian game as robust, manly, and most attractive, and decidedly preferable to that of America, where, I might say, the players are armour plated.

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Messrs. A. Brown (South Melbourne), F. Reid (Essendon), and M. Wilson (University) were substitute delegates at the last League meeting in place of Messrs. J. Monteith (in Adelaide), W. Fleming (whose father died recently), and Russell Martin.

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In the ages past the youth in the land where they early learned how to prepare the "stek-anda-oyst," and "the smalla-portiona-cray-for-a-gentleman-in-a-hurree-pleas," ran for all he was worth many miles for a wreath of parsley.

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And, since it came to pass that clubs could openly pay players, some of the latter have been opening their mouths until they looked like pelicans. One demanded a wage that "would equal the amount the boss of his shop was paid."

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The boss had a big position, that cost a lot to keep up—to say nothing of a big family and the responsibilities of a huge business concern. And he was deservedly well paid. Moreover, he admired football, and didn't snuffle when a player asked off to get away to training.

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Very naturally the committee lost patience at the extravagant demand of the player, and promptly told him on Tuesday night that he would not be played if he did not accept the club's terms. He left the ground, but returned on Thursday night to claim his uniform—and to humbly announce that the club's terms suited.

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There is a moral in this. It pays a committee to possess backbone, and it is the goat act for a player to think he is indispensable.

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If that committee had yielded, seventeen other players would have demanded ambassadors' salaries also. Of course, they could not be paid them, and so what could the poor committee do?

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Much harder work is required to run a team than thousands think while looking at a match. Most of them applaud or abuse the players as the case may be, and forget the committee. The rest of the week is spent in attacking the committee.

The League has granted 20 guineas to the Melbourne Hospital in response to the recent special appeal from that institution. By the way, the medical superintendent recently appointed is Dr. T. E. V. Hurley, who played for University last season. Drs. A. Tymms and E. Cordner, who were clubmates of the superintendent, are also officials at the same hospital.

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At the last session of the Victorian Football Parliament:—

The Speaker (Mr. A. McCracken): The numbers were a great success. What did you think of the stewards?

Hon. Member for Fitzroy (Mr. Moriarty): I think stewards are excellent. At our match he kept a little too close to the players.

Hon. Member for Carlton (Mr. Kennedy): I think he acted splendidly at our match. He took the right position, and spoke a word of caution which had a good effect.

Hon. Member for Essendon (Mr. Reid): He was like the referee at a wrestling match at East Melbourne, and hampered the players at times.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Strickland): Those who show the most promise will be kept on; those who do not will be passed over. We have twelve on our list now.

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Praiseworthy endeavours are being made to popularise our game in Sydney. Recently a fine ground at Botany was secured by the N.S.W. League, and was formally opened. Mr. O. M. Williams, of the Victorian League, was present, and, being an enthusiastic and sincere advocate of all manly exercises, spoke in terms of warm appreciation of the New South Wales League, wishing it every success.

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"They are all coming in, aren't they?" remarked Mr. A. McCracken (president).

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dent) when Mr. E. L. Wilson (League secretary) announced the other evening that the following associations had registered during the week:—Avoca, Castlemaine, Chiltern, Goulburn Valley and Morwell.

are you?" asked Mr. O. M. Williams. "A cyanider," replied Baxter. "And can you bet £100?" asked another delegate. "Oh, yes," was the answer. He was granted his permit to go from Collingwood to St. Kilda.



• Vin. Gardiner, Carlton's Consistent Goal-getter.

Tommy Baxter was candid when before the permit committee. He was speaking of last year's final, and the hooting at the close of the day. He admitted that he had lost £32/10/- on the match, and would have bet £100 if he could have made the wager. "What

The decision was not arrived at without long and careful deliberation, and, when intimating to Baxter that it was granted, the acting chairman (Mr. A. Manzie) spoke very impressively.

"The League," he said, "is opposed to players betting, and we hope that

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you will not indulge in it. A player of your ability can derive all possible enjoyment from the game without betting. I trust you will heed what I say in this regard. I wish you good luck."

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The League may be against betting amongst players, but, if it sets out to stop it, a mighty big task is ahead. Example is often better than precept, and if some club committeemen did not gamble on football there might be some hope of preventing players from doing so.

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If a dozen, or, say, only one of the crowd of boys who swarmed over the ground fence, and invaded the Fitzroy oval on Saturday last, were injured or killed as the players were thundering along, you would have seen the police out taking notes, and names, addresses, statements, and generally making their presence widely known.

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But nobody was injured, yet nearly all the spectators were annoyed by the invasion of boys, which caused a cessation of play. There is some peculiar reasoning on the part of the police authorities that the ground managements should engage men to keep their places clear, and that it is no part of the police duty to do so. The sooner that idea is disposed of the better. The police were ready enough to take the names of players who might have transgressed the laws by striking one another, arguing that it was something calculated to provoke a breach of the peace. Surely the swarming of boys into the ring is more calculated to bring about a riot. That being so, the police should be more active. The evil was soon remedied when a trooper appeared on the ground. If it were right for him to ride out at that time, surely in the name of common sense it would not have been wrong if the police had prevented the crowd from getting into the green in the first instance.

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Many wagers are lost and won during the season by followers of football in arguments as to the result of such and such a match played earlier in the season. The scores of

each day's play will be chronicled every week on page 20 of the "Record," thereby giving the scores of every match throughout the season, which will no doubt be appreciated by our readers.

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Both at Richmond and at the M.C.G. the games were started with commendable punctuality, but the half-time intervals were too long. As a consequence neither game finished much before half past five.

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Two goals from twenty-five tries was South Melbourne's record against Richmond. Their wretchedly bad kicking was mainly accountable for their defeat. Most of the behinds resulted from hurried pot-shots at goal, and several very easy chances either went behind or out of bounds. It must have been very galling to South Melbourne's supporters as point after point was registered in the last quarter, just when a goal was so badly needed.

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Richmond finished like racehorses against South Melbourne. Never once did they falter, though the Southerners were bombarding their goal. The backs withstood the strain magnificently, and eventually, with the help of the followers, got the ball to their forwards, and a couple of goals in quick succession settled the red and whites, who had played indifferently all through.

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A Coincidence in Numbers.—Just as the half-time bell rang at Richmond on Saturday, Charge (No. 5), South Melbourne, obtained a mark, and tried for goal. Three Richmondites (Nos. 6, 7 and 8) stood at the mark, and the ball, dropping in front of the goal, was marked by No. 9 (Farrell). There was much consultation of the "Record" at this time to ascertain Who was Who.

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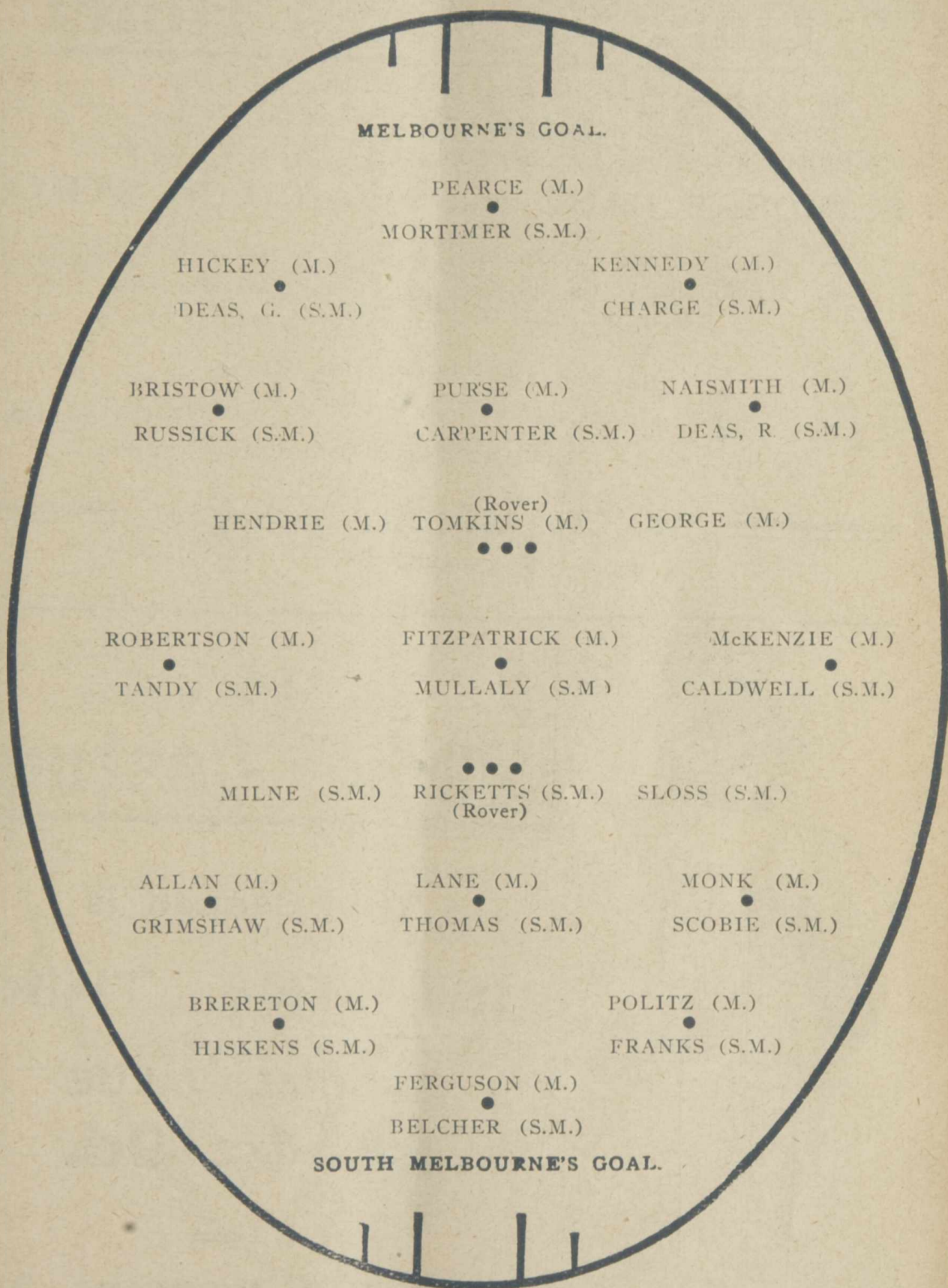
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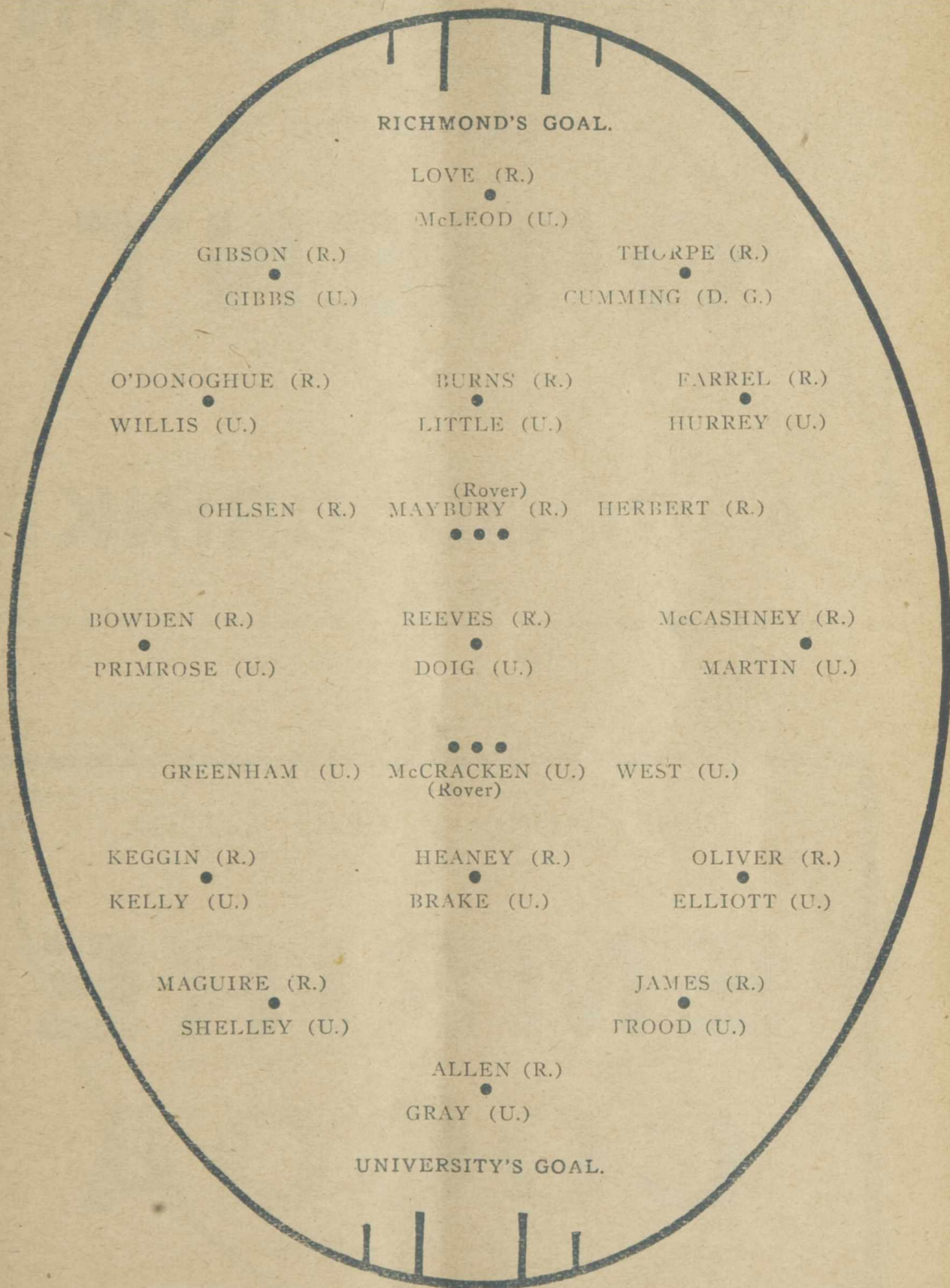
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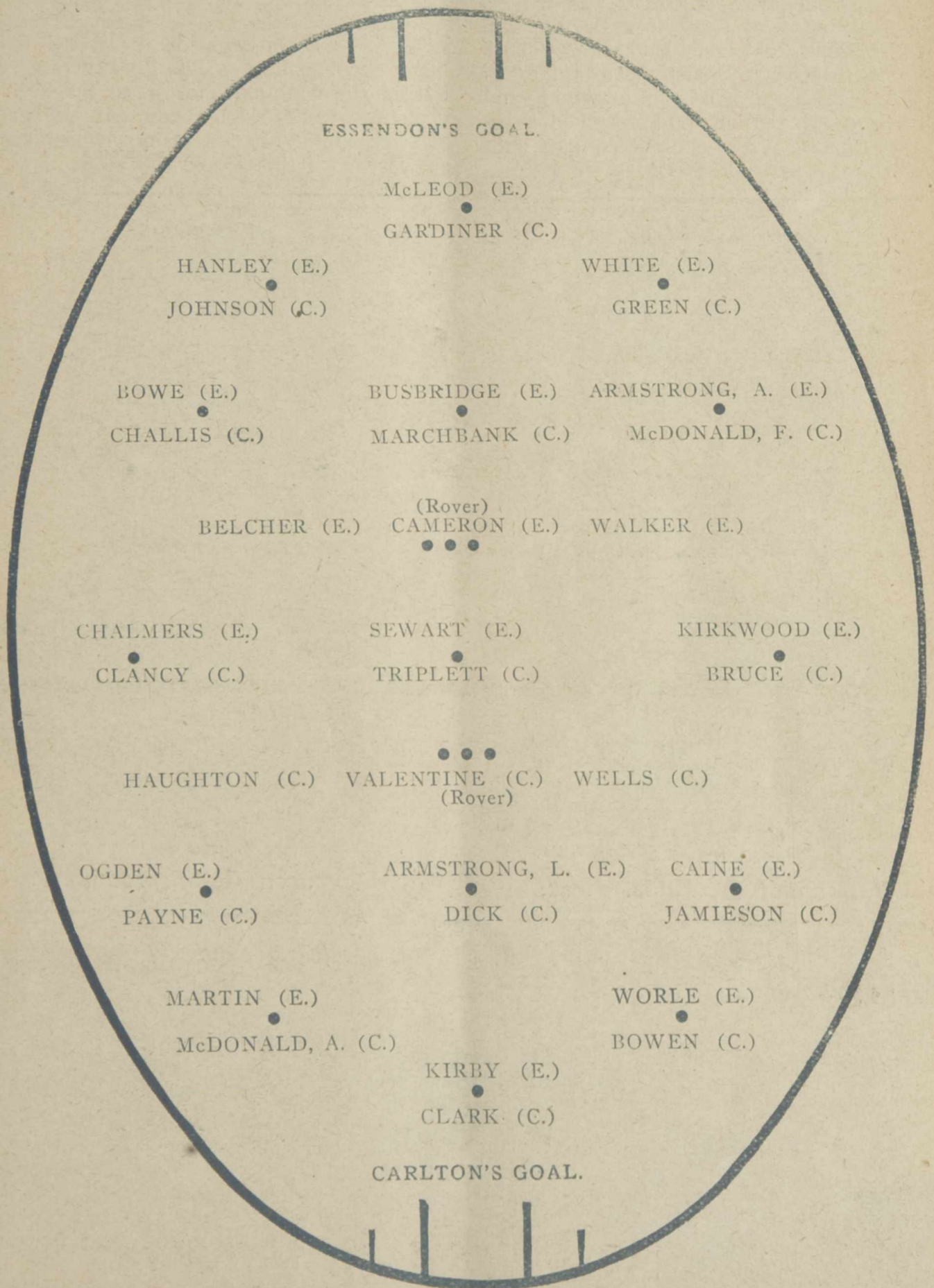
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The League has voted ten guineas to the fund for a memorial to the late Mr. H. Skinner.

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McKenzie, the slick wing man of the Melbourne team, collapsed after the match against University as the result of a heavy fall. Saturday was truly a day of misadventures, for Barningham (Carlton) sustained a broken cheek bone, McGregor twisted an ankle, as also did Laxton, of Collingwood, and Wilson, of Collingwood, received a severe shaking from violent contact with mother earth.

Grigg and Marsham were shining lights as high marksmen for Geelong against St. Kilda, and Billy Eason's passing work was surpassingly good.

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Walker went over Gardiner's mark in the third quarter at Fitzroy, and, as the latter kicked, the umpire whistled. However, the ball went through the goal, and there was no necessity to bring the ball back. The goal counted, but if the ball had not gone through Gardiner would have been entitled to another shot. A good many people are not aware of this.



W. Schmidt, St. Kilda.



P. Wilson, Collingwood.

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3. BOWER, G.
4. CALDWELL, J.
5. CHARGE, L.
6. CARPENTER, F.
7. DEAS, R.
8. DEAS, G.
9. FRANKS, A.
10. GRIMSHAW, T.
11. HISKENS, A.
12. KERR, A.
13. MILNE, H.
14. MULLALY, R.
15. MORTIMER, L.
16. PENTLAND, A.
17. PRINCE, J.
18. SLOSS, B.
19. SCOBIE, J.
20. THOMAS, W.
21. WALSH, J.
22. CASEY, R.
23. RUSSICK, L.
24. SALTAU, H.
25. TANDY, M.
26. PUNSHON, A.
27. COMER, F.

MELBOURNE.

1. ALLEN, W.
2. BRERETON, H.
3. GEORGE, A. (Capt.)
4. FITZPATRICK, J.
5. HENDRIE, W.
6. McKENZIE, W.
7. HICKEY, W.
8. HARRIS, F.
9. MONK, R.
10. ROBERTSON, J.
11. TOMKINS, H.
12. KENNEDY, M.
13. FRANCIS, H.
14. BRISTOW, J.
15. LANE, T.
16. FLINTOFT, W.
17. NAISMITH, W.
18. FERGUSON
19. PEARCE, J.
20. SYKES, W.
25. POLITZ, E.
26. PURSE, H.
28. ABBOTT
29. JOOLEN, H.

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LEAGUE FIXTURES AND RESULTS.

APRIL 27.

Richmond 7.11 v. St. Kilda 6.10.
 Carlton 9.16 v. Geelong 4.7.
 Essendon 17.14 v. University 6.6.
 South Melbourne 7.5 v. Fitzroy 4.10.
 Melbourne 9.14 v. Collingwood 5.9.

MAY 4.

Essendon 10.10 v. Collingwood 6.17.
 Carlton 9.10 v. Fitzroy 5.11.
 Richmond 5.8 v. South Melbourne 2.23.
 Melbourne 10.8 v. University 8.12.
 Geelong 13.15 v. St. Kilda 6.11.

MAY 11.

Richmond v. University, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Collingwood v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Sth. Melb. v. Melbourne, at Sth. Melb.
 Fitzroy v. Geelong, at Fitzroy.

MAY 18.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Richmond.
 University v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
 Melbourne v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 Carlton v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

MAY 25.

Collingwood v. Richmond, at C'wood.
 Melbourne v. Carlton, at M.C.G.
 Essendon v. Geelong, at E.M.C.G.
 St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at St. Kilda.
 Fitzroy v. University, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 1.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at Carlton.
 Richmond v. Essendon, at Richmond.
 Sth. Melb. v. University, at M.C.G.
 Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
 Geelong v. Collingwood, at Geelong.

JUNE 3.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 University v. Collingwood, at C'wood.
 Carlton v. Richmond, at Carlton.
 Melbourne v. Essendon, at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.

JUNE 8.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at M.C.G.
 St. Kilda v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Collingwood.
 Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Carlton.
 Geelong v. University, at Geelong.

JUNE 15.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Carlton v. University, at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. Essendon, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 22.

St. Kilda v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Carlton v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 Essendon v. University, at M.C.G.

Fitzroy v. Sth. Melb., at Fitzroy.
 Melb. v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JUNE 29.

Richmond v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Geelong v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Fitzroy v. Carlton, at Carlton.
 Collingwood v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 University v. Melbourne, at M.C.G.

JULY 6.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at M.C.G.

JULY 13.

University v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Carlton v. Essendon, at Carlton.
 Collingwood v. St. Kilda, at C'wood.
 Sth. Melb. v. Melb., at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. Geelong, at Geelong.

JULY 20.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at E.M.C.G.
 Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
 University v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Melbourne v. Geelong, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JULY 27.

Collingwood v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Melbourne v. Carlton, at Carlton.
 Essendon v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Fitzroy v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 3.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Richmond v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Sth. Melb. v. University, at Sth. Melb.
 Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at M.C.G.
 Geelong v. Collingwood, at C'wood.

AUGUST 10.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at Adelaide.
 League v. Ballarat and Bendigo, at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

AUGUST 17.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Geelong.
 University v. Collingwood, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Melbourne v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at Fitzroy.

AUGUST 24.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 St. Kilda v. Essendon, at St. Kilda.
 Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
 Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Geelong v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 31.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Geelong.
 Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at C'wood.
 Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. University, at Carlton.
 Fitzroy v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.

SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28.

Semi-finals and finals, at M.C.G.

MEN OF THE TIME.

PLAYERS AND PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

By "Chatterer."

"Freaky! Freaky!" shouted a bar-racker at Fitzroy when Rahilly marked on Saturday. "Free kick be blowed," growled a Carlton supporters.

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"Who said 'free kick?'" demanded the maroon admirer. "You did, you piefaced judge of the game." "Oh, get your brains brushed. I was just telling Bob to pass to Freake." The Carltonian withdrew the remark about the pie, and handed out a cigarette as a peace offering.

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"Oh, ain't he just a daisy?" yelled enthusiastic Jim Smith, when Freake nabbed his fourth goal. "That boy scored 79 for the Fitzroy Juniors last season."

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Collingwood's intention at first was to pay retiring allowances to players only when they were relinquishing the game. It has since been changed, as was shown by the granting of the allowances to Angus and Baxter.

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When T. Baxter left Collingwood he was paid £20 as his retiring allowance after five years' play. "They can have it back if they want it," he said at the permit committee meeting just before he was granted his permit to play for St. Kilda.

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It was not a very gracious thing for Baxter to have said at the meeting of the permit committee. Of course, he sought to make his case as strong as possible in order to get through to St. Kilda. He was referring to the alleged dislike of him by some of the Collingwood supporters, and said, "I don't think it would be safe for me to go down there."

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Collingwood's hon. secretary (Mr. E. W. Copeland) told the permit committee that Baxter leaves that club with the good wishes of two-thirds of the

players and a big majority of the members of the club.

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Baxter's version of how he first determined to play for St. Kilda:—"I was with Jimmy Carpenter one day, and he asked me if I was going to play for Collingwood. I said, 'No.' Mr. Inskip, the St. Kilda secretary, came along, and Jimmy said to him, 'here's a man you ought to get.' Mr. Inskip asked me, and I said I would play for St. Kilda."

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"I was exonerated by the committee of the Collingwood club," said T. Baxter to the permit committee; "but I will not play for Collingwood, and I don't think any of you would care about a secret ballot of players being taken to decide whether they would play with me."

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Carlton are taking steps to show their appreciation of Fred. Elliott, the ex-captain, who was one of the team for eleven years. A complimentary picture and musical performance at the Jubilee Theatre, Lee and Nicholson streets, will be held on May 22nd for Elliott's benefit.

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A forward had just joined a club, and his first match was against his old team. He played badly, and, when the secretary remarked upon it, the poor player said, "Well — said he'd punch me in the eye if I kicked a goal. So what could I do?"

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Years ago a player became excited, and, to the amazement of his pals, talked fight. "Hold my eye and let me at him," he yelled, and, to their astonishment, he held out an eye to the man nearest him. The eye was a glassy one. This reminds me of a player of the present day, who surprised a photographer during a match by handing him a set of false teeth to mind while he bored into the thick of the fray.

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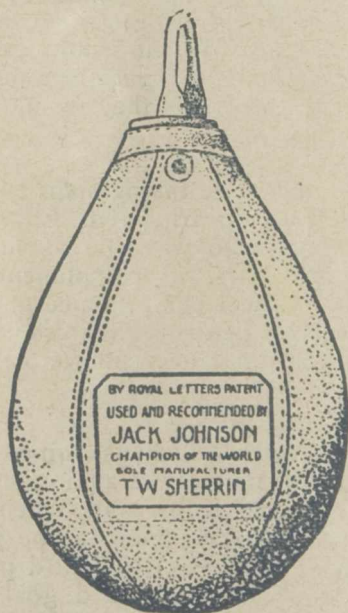
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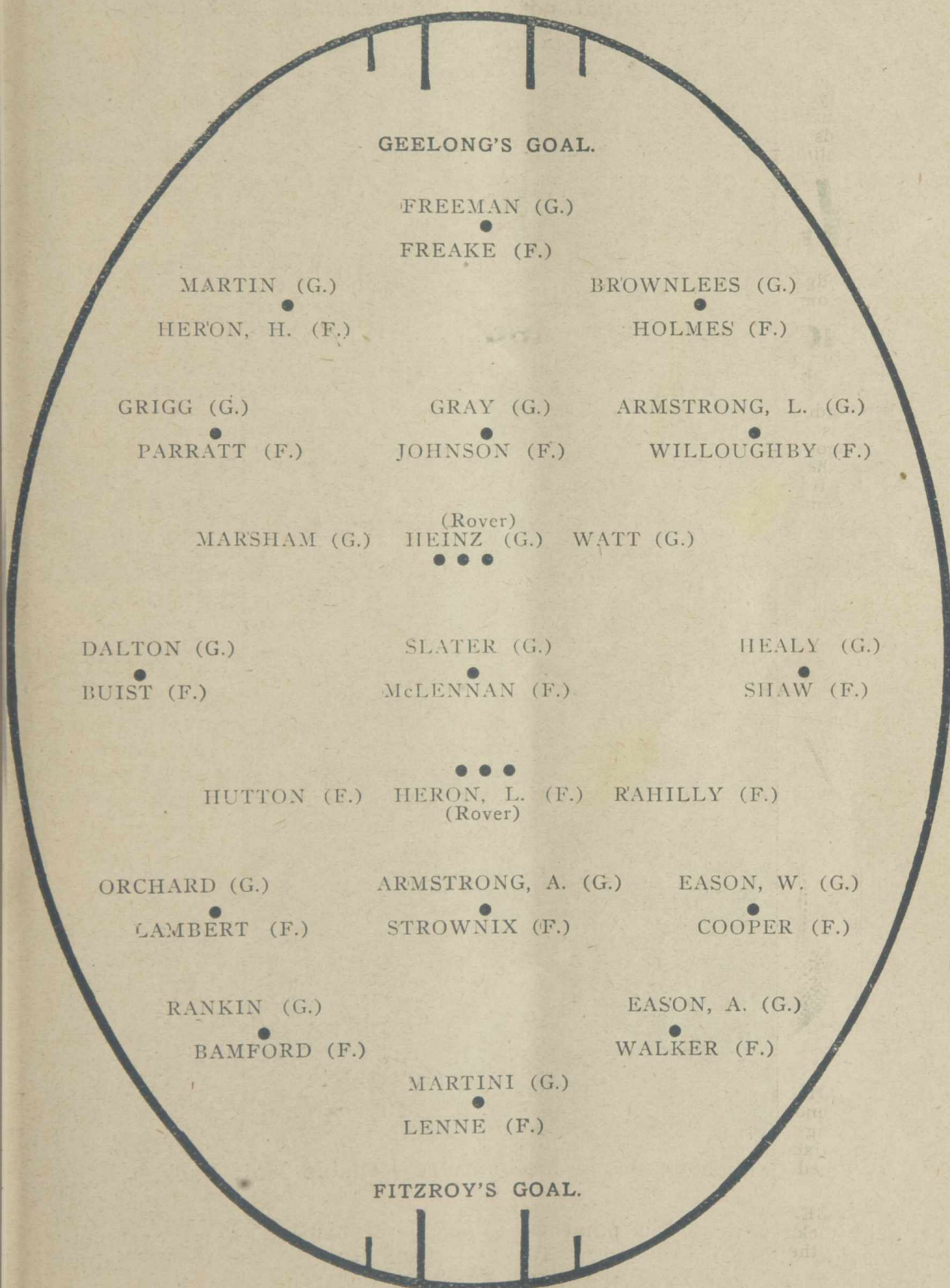
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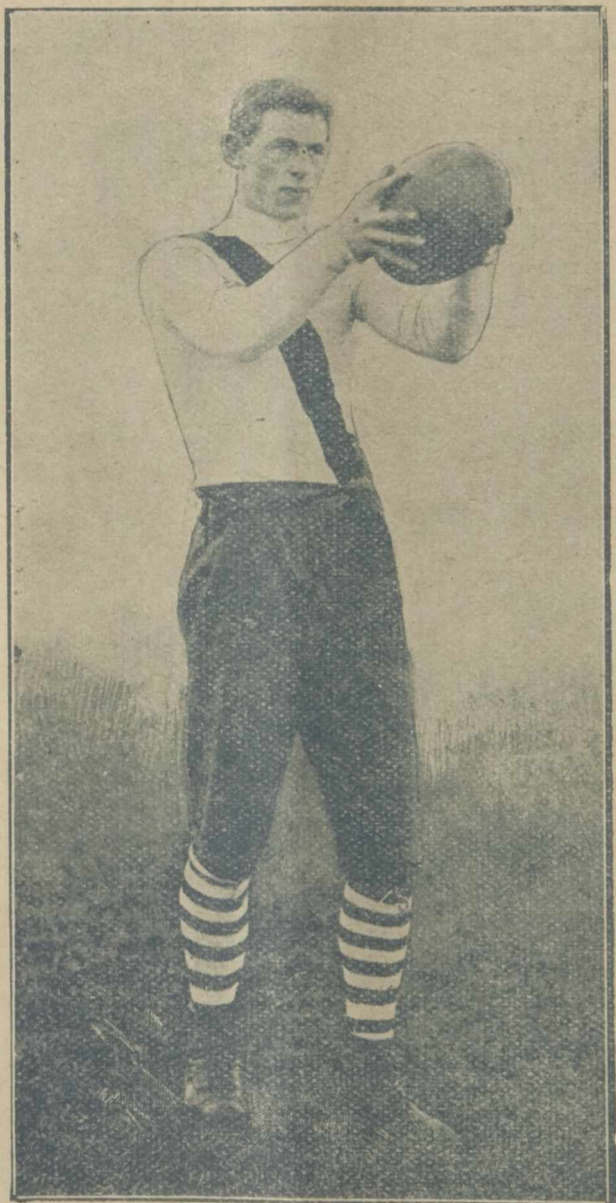


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Challis is a long time reproducing that brilliant form which led to his inclusion in the Carlton team. At Fitzroy, Jack Cooper beat him out of sight; in fact, the Fitzroy skipper did not give him a look in.

Les. Charge was marking like a giant against Richmond, but he could not find the goal. Hughie James was eventually put up against him, with the result that the Southerner did not shine so brightly in the air.



Tom Grimshaw, South Melbourn's Reliable Half Back.

The field umpire missed a point at Fitzroy during the third quarter. In kicking off, Clark ran over the line and doubled back. The umpire did not but should have bounced the ball on the kick off line nearest the spot where the infringement took place.

Dr. Greenham and West were earnest followers for the 'Varsity on Saturday. Each put in lots of solid work, much of which was nullified owing to Melbourne's rover frequently getting the hit out. Trood, Gray and Elliott were good in defence of the sticks.

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Barningham kicked the first goal for Carlton in the first half and the first in the second half of the Fitzroy match. The latter was the result of a glorious pass by Valentine.

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At one stage of the last quarter of the Richmond and South Melbourne match, Barney Herbert and another Richmondite went for a mark. Neither obtained the ball, but Umpire Vernon blew his whistle, and gave Herbert a free, much to everyone's surprise, for there was no South Melbourne player within yards of them. It caused roars of laughter from all parts of the ground, and "Barney's" smile was worth going a long way to see.

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One of the keenest onlookers of the Fitzroy-Carlton match was "Bongo" Lang, who is still hopeful of being able to resume his place in Carlton's team.

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Mick Grace, who was a great player in the land when with Fitzroy, Carlton and St. Kilda, is very ill in the Broadmeadows Sanatorium. The secretary

of the League (Mr. E. L. Wilson), and Messrs. A. A. Manzie and E. W. Copeland, have been deputed to inquire into the circumstances of his wife and family, with the view to assisting them if necessary. The New South Wales League has intimated that it will co-operate in any movement for the assistance of Grace, who was coaching players in Sydney last season.

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James and Herbert were hard nuts for South Melbourne to crack on Saturday. In the air they were unapproachable, whilst their ruck work was equally fine. A dashing trio of defenders were Gibson, Burns and Thorpe; whilst in goals Love, who, however, did not kick in very well, was consistent and hard to beat.

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The critics at Geelong expressed the opinion that, if Geelong maintains the brilliant form they showed against St. Kilda, the boys in blue and white will be hard to beat. But experience has proved that it is a team which plays far better at home than it does in Melbourne.

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Pierce, the field umpire, has turned over a new one by turning up the tobacco leaf. Since Christmas he has given up smoking. Previous to the festive season he got through about ten packets of cigarettes and a quarter of a pound of tobacco weekly. And that was not good for the wind of a man who umpires football.

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Young Charge took some very fine marks at Richmond on Saturday. He was one of the few Southerners who was able to hold his own with Richmond in the air. His poor kicking somewhat marred an otherwise good performance.

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Tomkins was once more a tricky rover for the reds. The goal he obtained in the third quarter was got by a clever side-on screw kick after being badly placed. McKenzie and Robertson, on the wings, were a pair of dashers, but Fitzpatrick in the centre was frequently out of his place.

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Brake was easily the best player for 'Varsity. He uses his reach to the best

advantage. At half-back he staved off many attacks, but his best work was done on the ball, where he dominated the play when near the boundaries.

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Bowden was a shining light for Richmond in the first half, having much the best of Prince, who was changed to the other wing in the second quarter. Caldwell was then Bowden's opponent, the speedy Southerner having a bit the best of the "argument" in the concluding two quarters.

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Campbell was again unfortunate in his kicking at Fitzroy. In the last quarter he scored four behinds. Twice in succession he hit the right and left goal posts.

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Collingwood's barrackers wondered why Ted Rowell failed to get the ball on one occasion last Saturday, when no Essendon man was near it. The reason was one which no other footballer has ever been able to urge. Rowell's foot was caught in a drain pipe!

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Bristow, a school teacher at Lancefield, is greatly pleasing Melbourne's supporters by his brilliant work on the half-back line. He is one of the never-say-die sort, who generally manages to carry the ball well out of danger with dashing runs. Joe Pearce, in goal, and "Codger" Harris were the pick of the other backs.

St. Kilda hope to be able to settle down into a steady swing right away. "We have got the kind of team we've been wanting," say their leaders, "and when we get going properly it will be a case of 'hurrah for the seaside laddie.'"

Geelong's membership this year is a record—nearly 2500 to date. Last year the total number of tickets sold was 1900. Football is a boom and a boon to the Pivot.

Jory and Hansen are two fliers of the St. Kilda flock. It is good to see them on the wings.

Jim McHale, the Collingwood captain, lost the ball by a bad bounce in last week's big match, and Essendon quickly secured a goal. McHale was greatly depressed by the bit of hard luck.

When the bloom of recent injury has faded from his toe, Cumberland, of St. Kilda, is expected to cheer the hearts of St. Kilda barrackers with his skill.

At Geelong he was hampered by the toe, and played forward most of the day.

Two busy B's were Buist and Bruce in the Fitzroy-Carlton match. The Fitzroyite (Buist) was master, taking the game throughout.

"Oh! you beaut!" roared an enthusiastic Richmond supporter, as Hughie James succeeded in marking magnificently in a bunch of Southerners. "Aain't he a daisy?" he yelled, turning to a companion who was himself pretty hoarse in consequence of continuous, if at times one-sided, barracking. "Yes," he answered, excitedly, "he's a match winner." Hughie certainly did well on Saturday, and it was no wonder supporters of the yellow and blacks were loud in their praise of his play.

St. Kilda held a meeting on Thursday night. Friendly feeling right through, and everything in the garden reported lovely. Eight trainers now at work getting the lads fit for the fray of the season.

Longest Kicks.

Place Kick.—Dave McNamara, 84 yards, at St. Kilda Ground, 3rd April, 1909; C. Robbins, 69 yards 2 feet, Upper Reserve, Bendigo, 24th May, 1900.

Place Kick. Rugby.—74 yards, E. Doyle, August, 1903, Ireland. J. Angus, 71 yards, Sydney, April, 1892.

THE LATEST GOSSIP.

Carlton will be minus the services of McGregor, Barningham, and Wilson to-day. Their places will be filled by Johnson (who last season played several good games forward), Payne, and Haughton (late of Northcote).

There is sorrow in the camp at East Melbourne. Baring (who was injured last Saturday) and Shea, with a bad leg, are unable to take the field, and Fred O'Shea is far from well. Frank Caine (the ex-Carltonite, and late of North Melbourne) will play, as also will Chalmers, Walker, and Worle (the latter from a Collingwood junior team).

South Melbourne supporters will be pleased to welcome the reappearance of Sloss to-day. Tandy takes Prince's place on the wing, and G. Deas, who had a couple of games at the latter end of last season, has also been picked. Bower has strained the cartilages of the ribs, and Pentland is not too well. Prince joined the ranks of the benedicts during the week.

H. Purse (who since leaving Melbourne has played for Brighton) has rejoined his old club, and will play centre half-back to-day at South Melbourne. Kennedy and Ferguson are also in the team; whilst Francis, Abbott, and Harris are having a rest.

Fitzroy will move Johnson from centre half-back to centre half-forward to-day. Strownix will play in Johnson's old position. The Heron brothers, a pair of clever players from the local juniors, one a forward and the other a rover, have been picked in place of Campbell and Lamout.

Richmond are adopting the wise policy of making few alterations in their team. McCashney resumes his position to-day on the wing, and Allen (from Preston) will play forward. Jones and Wells make room for them.

Gray (a local lad), V. Jackson, and Lumsden have been chosen in Collingwood's eighteen to-day, in place of Minogue (sprained ankle), Gilchrist and Dave Ryan.

Geelong will play Rankin (a son of the veteran player of that name) in place of Schofield to-day.

Stan. Martin is well again, and will strip for 'Varsity to-day. Walker, who played very well last week, has been omitted.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES.

League.

University v. Richmond, at M.C.G.: Field, Elder; boundary, Beauchamp and Bishop; goal, Collis and Devine; steward, Feehan.

Essendon v. Carlton, at E.M.C.G.: Field, Norden; boundary, Roy and Davies; goal, Jones and Buckley; steward, Fontaine.

St. Kilda v. Collingwood, at St. Kilda: Field, Nosedá; boundary, Winslow and Stainsby; goal, Minahan and Franks; steward, Martin.

South Melbourne v. Melbourne, at S.M.C.G.: Field, Nugent; boundary, Kennedy and Green; goal, Sigmont and Chapman; steward, Hallows.

Fitzroy v. Geelong, at F.C.G.: Field, Pierce; boundary, Doherty and Dwyer; goal, Keenan and Little; steward, Wheeler.

Ballarat, Vernon and Boyle; Foun-dry v. Castlemaine, Ayles; Maldon v. Newstead, Clarke.

Wednesday. — Bendigo, Winslow (field), James; Echuca v. Tatura, Tulloch; Mooropna v. Rushworth, Doherty; Shepparton v. Murchison, Dwyer; Nagambie v. Kyabram, Holland.

Association.

Essendon v. Williamstown, at Essendon: Field, Kendall; boundary, McNamara and Curwood; goal, Gregory and Greenland.

Northcote v. Prahran, at Croxton Park: Field, Herbert; boundary, P. and J. O'Loughlin; goal, Appleby and Molyneux.

Port Melbourne v. Melbourne City, at Port Melbourne: Field, Carter; boundary, McKenry and Darby; goal, Weedon and Kennison.

Footscray v. Brighton, at Footscray: Field, Truscott; boundary, Woolfe and Pye; goal, McGee and De Coite.

Brunswick v. North Melbourne, at Brunswick: Field, Hurley; boundary, Marmo and Harris; goal, Elder and McDermott.

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League.

P. J. Pender, North Melbourne to Geelong; W. Heatley, Fitzroy to Brighton; C. Hunt, Fitzroy to Northcote; A. Allen, Preston to Richmond; W. Flem-

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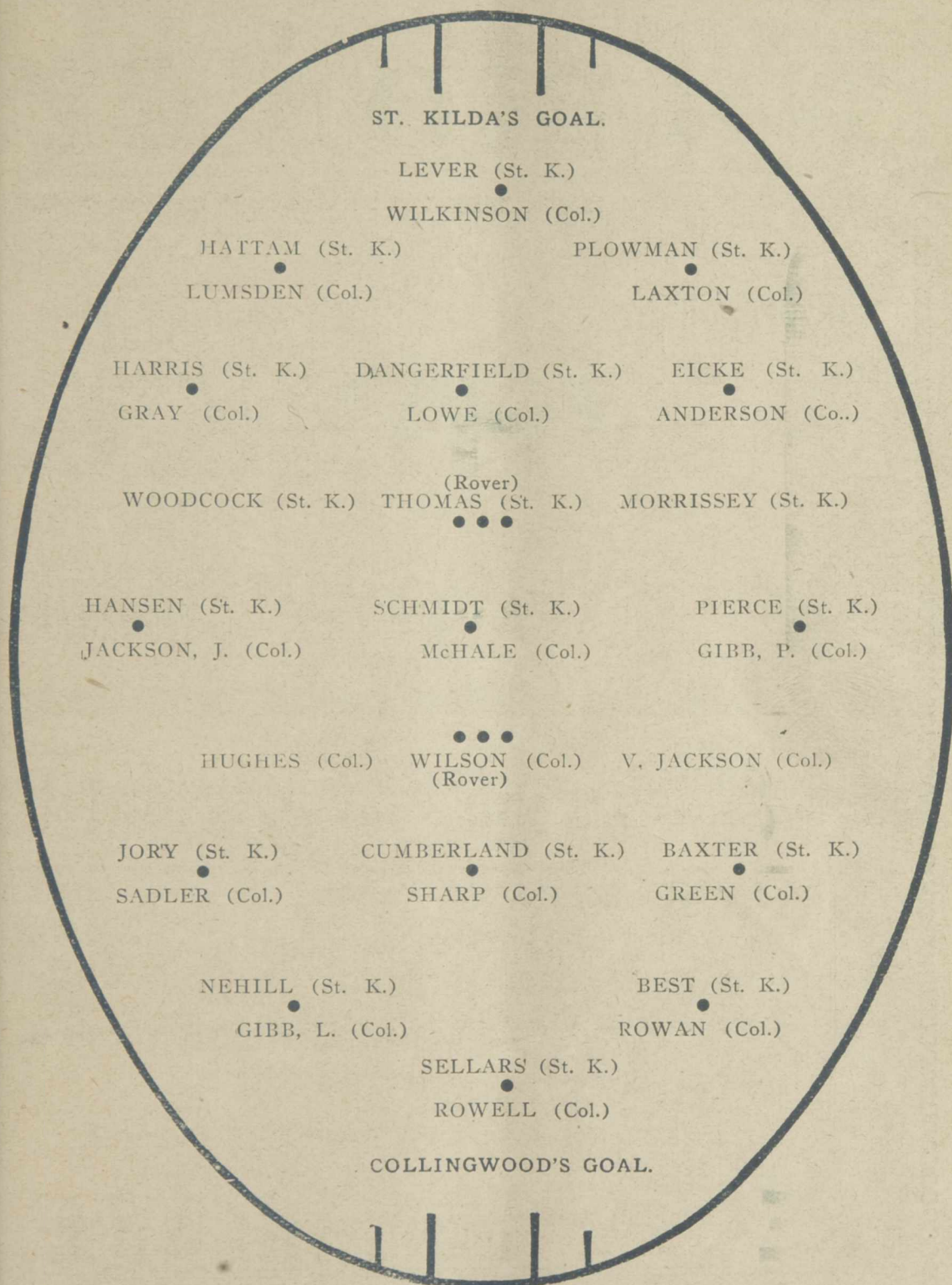
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